

**THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JANUARY 4, 2006 AT CALEXICO CITY HALL, 608 HEBER AVE., CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA. THE DATE, HOUR AND PLACE DULY ESTABLISHED FOR THE HOLDING OF SAID MEETING.**

**CALL TO ORDER.**

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 a.m. by Chairman Earl Roberts and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE**

Chairman	Earl Roberts
Vice-Chairman	Jose Lopez
Commissioner	Gil Acuna
Commissioner	Kimberly Collins
Commissioner	Fernando Arango
Commissioner	George Rashid
Honorary Seat	Ricardo Martinez <i>absent</i>
Commissioner	Blanca Lopez - <i>absent</i>
Guest	David Perez Tejada – Mexicali International affairs
Guest	Tim Kelly – CEO, IVEDC
Guest	Joe Moreno – Vice President, Chamber of Commerce
Guest	Alex Perrone – Mayor, City of Calexico
Staff	Marlene Best, Julia Osuna, Ralph Morales

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Commissioner Kimberly Collins to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fernando Arango. Vote to wit:

Ayes:	K. Collins, J. Lopez, E. Roberts, F. Arango
Noes:	None
Absent:	B. Lopez, G. Acuna, G. Rashid

**Announcements/Public Comments**

David Perez Tejada informed the EDC of a Southern California Association of Governments meeting to be held in Mexicali, on Wednesday January 11, 2006. He asked if the City of Calexico's Sister Cities Commission is active. This may be something the City of Calexico may consider to activate. Mr. Perez Tejada stated he would be interested in attending future EDC meetings.

## **Old Business:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Kimberly Collins to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jose Lopez: Vote to wit:

Ayes:	K. Collins, J. Lopez, E. Roberts, F. Arango
Noes:	None
Absent:	B. Lopez, G. Acuna, G. Rashid

## **Economic Strategic Planning**

City Manager, Ms. Marlene Best started by welcoming everyone. She informed the EDC of the eight committees that were formed for the strategic planning. Pending are the International Relations and Issues and Callexico Cares Committees. She requested the committees have follow-up for presentations to the EDC on the status of 6, 12 month and 5 year plans. Ms. Best stated the Strategic Planning group will meet again to follow-up on the planning process. The committees that will be meeting to plan a process are the following:

1. International and Regional
2. Workforce training
3. Resources and Allocation
- 4 Planning and Processing
5. Local leadership and Advocacy group
6. Community Involvement and communication
7. Community Image
8. Callexico "Cares"

Mayor Alex Perrone congratulated the EDC for working on this task that can be something the City of Callexico can follow. He stated that all the committees need to keep in mind that this is to guide our growth. He stated he was aware that we have a shortage of warehousing and the city will be looking to purchasing land to be able to build some warehousing.

## **New Business**

Item number 3 for the action discussion on the change time and date of meetings section 2.30.050.1 #2 was tabled for the next scheduled meeting.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

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Earl Roberts, Chairman